Appointment of peons by the Excise Commissioner.

184. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many peons the present Excise Commissioner has appointed since he became the Commissioner :

(*b*) how many of them are Ezhavas and how many others ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the appointments of peons under the Assistant Excise Commissioners are being made by the Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(*a*) 128.

(*b*) 20 Ezhavas.
108 others.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member who all come under '108 others' ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : All the other communities. That was what the member wanted ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether any of the peons that were at Bhaktivilas have been sent over to the Excise Commissioner so that they may be absorbed in the Excise Commissioner's office ?

PRESIDENT : How does it arise from this question whether a particular individual appointed in a particular place was sent to the Excise Department as a peon or in some other capacity ? How does it arise at all out of the total number of men employed in Bhaktivilas? I wish the House again to understand that the privilege of asking supplementary questions ought not to be abused. I have been somewhat patient in allowing such questions ; but when I see that privilege is being abused, I think I have to call the members more often to order.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I wish to explain, Sir. The number of the peons was reduced at Bhaktivilas and some of them were sent out and they sought admission as peons in the Excise Commissioner's office. I understand that some of these peons, who were in service and who were sent out of Bhaktivilas, were not taken as peons in the Excise Department for the reason that they were dwarfs. At the same time I understand that men who were dwarfs greater than they have been recruited in that department as peons.

PRESIDENT: I am still of the opinion that these small details in regard to the internal arrangement between the departments should not be brought on the floor of the House for discussion.

Ponmudi Sanatorium.

185. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any accommodation in Ponmudi Sanatorium for the public to resort to ?

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